

DISTRICT 10 UPDATE

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Atlanta City Councilman
C.T. Martin

Dear District 10 Constituent,

I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who attend my community meetings as well as Full Council sessions. It is encouraging to see the support and concern for the welfare of our community. This newsletter is an important medium for me to inform the community of available services, maintain communication between constituents and my office, as well as keep residents up-to-date with important issues relating to the City Council.

I ran for office to help move the City forward. Great cities have great parks, great transportation systems, and great public safety initiatives. I remain committed to voicing my opinion concerning all issues that impact District 10. Each budget cycle is an opportunity to reevaluate the core mission of government at this level and how the City can deliver services more efficiently.

Many issues and projects have impacted our District and will continue to benefit citizens for years to come. I am pleased to proclaim great strides in the areas of service delivery, economic development and infrastructure improvements. Progressive changes are underway along the Martin Luther King Corridor and police presence in our neighborhoods has increased significantly, thanks to a \$150 million bond project. Additionally, District 10 parks will undergo restorations and increased amenities as we continue to benefit from infrastructure expansions funded by the Quality of Life Bond Program. In addition, we have succeeded in installing a red light traffic signal at the intersection of Lynhurst and Cascade Road in an effort to make that intersection much safer for motorists and pedestrians.

The City of Atlanta continues to experience rapid growth and new development. As this trend intensifies, the demand for City services will escalate. Increased needs for public safety, transportation and affordable housing will impact the quality of life in our communities. As these new challenges arise, I will continue to represent you and your priorities for keeping the City of Atlanta a great place to live, work, and play!

My staff and I are available to address your concerns, listen to your issues and offer resolutions for problem solving. My vision is to "enhance community life by leading and responding effectively to the needs and concerns of all residents".

As always, thank you for your support and community interest. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions, comments, or concerns. I look forward to serving you.....

Best Regards,
Councilman C. T. Martin

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The City of Atlanta
has a Tree
Protection Ordinance
that establishes the
procedure for tree

removal. If you do not get the required permit for tree removal, you may be severely fined! Before you cut down a tree, you must contact the City Arborist Division. The arborist inspects and approves all tree removal plans and must view and approve all building permits. For more information and details, please call 404-330-6076.



Municipal Court Re-dedicated in Honor of the late Judge Lenwood A. Jackson Sr.

In a 13-year career of remarkable achievement from 1992 to his untimely death in 2005, Judge Lenwood A. Jackson Sr. fought tirelessly and relentlessly to bring the building of a new Traffic Court to fruition and created a system of arraigning and adjudicating jury trial cases that reduced the backlog and provide for a more proficient method of managing the Courtroom.

To recognize his landmark contribution in bringing a higher standard of excellence to court service delivery in the City of Atlanta, the Municipal Court of Atlanta was rededicated as the Lenwood A. Jackson Justice Center per legislation initiated by Atlanta City Councilman C. T. Martin and co-sponsored by Councilman Jim Maddox.

In 1992, Jackson was appointed to the



bench of the City of Atlanta Traffic Court by Mayor Maynard H. Jackson, a position he held for nearly 13 years. As a judge, he made the court more efficient by creating an arraignment system that significantly reduced the caseload. His emphatic yet stern manner fostered an atmos-

phere of honesty, respect and civility inside and outside the courtroom. Judge Jackson recognized the need for improved court facilities and was instrumental in bringing the new traffic court building to fruition.

"Judge Jackson actually elevated the court system in Atlanta - after his career, the courts will always be on higher ground," noted Councilman Martin at the ceremony.

Born in Concord, Georgia in 1944, Jackson became a man of impeccable credentials.

He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Morris Brown College in 1966 and his Juris Doctor from Emory University in 1969.

A New Day Sweeping Across District 10 Parks

The Atlanta Parks Department is installing \$435,000-worth of new improvements to several parks, thanks to the \$100 million citywide Opportunity Bond Program approved in 2005.

Tennis and basketball fans will see repairs and renovations to outdoor courts at Collier Park, (3961 Collier Road), Isabel Gates Webster Park (275 Peyton Road), and Wilson Mill Park (300 Wilson Mill Road).

Ballfield fans for football, baseball, softball, T-ball, Soccer will see ballfields resurfaced and repaired with renovations to bleachers, backstops, fencing, scoreboards and turf at: Collier Park, West Manor Park (3240 West Manor Circle, SW), Wilson Mill Park, Harwell Heights Park, and John A. White Park (bordering District 10 and serving our residents)(1053 Cascade circle, SW).

Are you a swimming fan? Complete renovations of existing infrastructure for the pool and bathhouse at John A. White Park are on the way!

AND - NEW PLAYGROUNDS - at the old

Adamsville Gym Park (located at 3404 Delmar lane) (NOT the Adamsville Natatorium on MLK Dr.) , Wilson Mill Park and Collier Park.

Newly Renovated Recreation Centers (interior & exterior) - at Collier Park and West Manor Park.

New Sports & Security Lighting - Wilson Mill Park.



Quality of Life Bond Referendum Improvements Moving Forward!

The next phase of improvements under the Quality of Life Bond Referendum are moving ahead. Streets to be re-surfaced under the next phase include Derry Avenue, Oakcrest and Mangum. Sidewalks are under discussion for Lynhurst south of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. To date, sidewalks have been upgraded on 16 streets, 71 streets have been re-surfaced, and 9 Traffic Signal Upgrades have been completed.



Quality of Life Bond Program

"Improving Our Quality of Life for Today and Tomorrow"

2007 Youthfest - 17 Years of Celebrating Our Children

The office of Atlanta City Councilman C.T. Martin co-sponsored the District's 17th Annual Youthfest Celebration at the Adamsville Recreation Center this Summer.

Youthfest is a day full of food, fun, and games designed to give the city's youngsters valuable educational and personal development skills. This year's celebration featured a host of activities including interactive games, celebrity guests, a health fair, and seminars aimed at building self-esteem and youth leadership skills. The Atlanta Fire Department also hosted a sessions on fire safety. An array of Atlanta celebrities and personalities were in attendance, providing leadership and guidance for the kids. Several of the city's corporate residents and civic boosters including Coca-Cola, McDonald's, Papa John's Pizza, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Merchants Association provided a variety of food and beverages for the attendees.

"Our young people need activities

year-round that will broaden their minds," Councilman Martin said. "Youthfest provides an opportunity for us to lead them in the right direction and give them a chance to have fun. We would like to thank all of our sponsors and many volunteers. Without them this event would not have been a success. Having so many people and corporations come together to provide a day of fun and activities for our youth is truly a testament to the strength and determination of our community."



Faith Leaders Discuss Issues of Concern During Ecumenical Breakfast

Councilmembers C.T. Martin and H. Lamar Willis joined area clergy recently at The Spirit of Atlanta Ecumenical Breakfast, a bi-monthly forum they host to discuss community needs and concerns. Also participating was City Councilwoman Mary Norwood.

Topics addressed recently included juvenile crime prevention, the proposed 2008 City of Atlanta budget, community and police relations and predatory lending.

This was the second such meeting that the council representatives have hosted. The first meeting established open and inclusive discussion among community stakeholders that is

absolutely crucial to successful and effective governance.

"It's important that our faith community have input in the decision making process in our community," Martin said. "Churches and faith-based organizations are at the forefront in combating the ills of society, from homelessness to hunger."

The spiritual leaders agreed to schedule future bi-monthly meetings to allow pastors to continue to voice their opinions and provide insight on the

community issues.

For more information or to register for the next meeting, call Andrea Boone at 404-330-6055.



District 10 Welcomes New CVS Pharmacy and Wendy's at H.E. Holmes and Peyton

Please welcome the CVS Pharmacy and the Wendy's Restaurant at H.E. Holmes Drive and Peyton Road in District 10. We encourage you to patronize these and other establishments in our community!



Combating Mortgage Fraud in Our Community

Did you know that Zip Code 30310 has one of the highest rates of vacant houses resulting from fraudulent sales to fraudulent buyers in the country?

These houses have become a major crime and public safety threat to the community (sites of drug related transactions, prostitution, refuges for thieves) and a major threat to real estate values.

Recently, Councilman C. T. Martin joined his colleague, At-Large Council representative Mary Norwood on a multi-pronged initiative to combat Mortgage Fraud in the Westview community on the eastern edge of District 10 along the Ralph David Abernathy corridor.

The initiative includes: involving members of the House of Representatives from the state level in negotiations for remedies by federal, state, county and private sector parties and agencies; scheduling meetings with Fannie Mae to discuss remedies from the federal mortgage financing level; documenting and compiling lists of affected properties with

current ownership information to identify fraudulent purchasers; documenting and compiling lists of participating mortgage companies knowingly participating in fraudulent transactions; conducting a master plan design charette to lay out a neighborhood wide master plan for phasing in rehabilitation, restoration, and re-marketing of affected properties on a systematic street by street basis; scheduling meetings with the Fulton County Tax Commissioner to identify strategies for expediting the restoration of tax delinquent properties suspected of mortgage fraud to the tax rolls; designing and implementing an affordable housing program where the affected properties are rehabilitated for code compliance, sold with subsidies to low income households trained as responsible property owners, and restored to the tax rolls.



Police Auxiliary Initiative Recommended to Combat Crime in Westview Community

The Westview Community recently reported a massive upsurge in home burglaries, often with the same homes being burglarized

multiple times by thieves operating in a ring of organized crime that systematically disables telephone and alarm system lines before burglarizing the home.

In trying to develop a response, the Zone 4 Police Precinct has recently been overwhelmed with competing demand for public safety enforcement through the expansion of their service area to include the vast new Princeton Lakes subdivision with thousands of new homes on the southern limits of the city and the addition of a portion of Zone 3 to their boundaries.

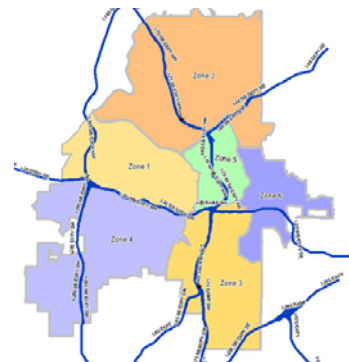
Councilman C. T. Martin has designed a proactive initiative to respond to this crisis - the creation of a Police Auxiliary. This would involve the formation of an auxiliary comprised of experienced retired police officers budgeted in the upcoming fiscal year.

The upcoming fiscal year 2008 city budgets are currently under development by city departments, the Mayor's office and the City Council. This is a prime time to submit requests for the creation of a Police auxiliary composed of retired and experienced police officers to help supplement the currently overburdened Zone 4 staff. Councilman Martin is currently working at the Council level to submit this as a major budget

priority and he is encouraging the local Westview Community Organization and all neighborhood associations in District 10 to place requests to the Mayor and Chief of Police Richard Pennington for the necessary budget amendments.

Councilman Martin has also co-sponsored a bill that would require new police recruits serve no less than 6 months of foot patrol in high crime areas. The measure is known as the Community Policing, Training And Preparedness (CoPTAP) Program.

The officers would be assigned to the two police zones which have experienced the most significant increase in the rate of crime or having the highest crime rates in the city. Currently those Zones are 3 and 4, which would see additional officers on foot/bike patrol if the measure is approved by the City Council.



Councilman Bridges National Disaster Preparedness Training into District 10

Partnering with Morehouse School of Medicine and the Atlanta Fulton County Emergency Management

During the City of Atlanta's response to assisting hurricane Katrina victims in 2005, Councilman C.T. Martin intensively analyzed assistance efforts coordinated with the city and the American Red Cross at the Adamsville Natatorium and identified a serious need for local citizens to be trained in various aspects of disaster response.

He was then very excited **to link the community to training programs from the National Homeland Security Citizen Corps Initiative** (www.ready.gov) **by establishing a partnership with the Morehouse School of Medicine Homeland Security Special Volunteer Program.** In 2006 the program trained District 10 volunteers on the campus of Morehouse School of Medicine in a "Train the Trainer Mini School" which prepared the graduates, including Ms. Glen James, liaison for the Councilman's office to the program, to offer a series of workshops in Disaster Preparedness to community residents at the Adamsville Natatorium.

Councilman Martin is encouraging District 10 residents to enroll in the next round of training offered by both the Morehouse School of Medicine and the Atlanta Fulton County Emergency Management Agency. The following agencies will offer Disaster Preparedness Training to our residents:

Morehouse School of Medicine:

Train-the-Trainers Disaster Preparedness Mini-School

Purpose:

To train Community Trainers to Conduct Disaster Preparedness Workshops for Community Residents; series of six classes

Training Location:

Morehouse School of Medicine

To enroll:

Contact Ms. Pauletta Graves, Administrative Assistant, 404.752.1629

Requirement for enrolling:

Commitment to be a trainer to deliver community presentations at the Adamsville Natatorium on "Disaster Preparedness" after graduation from Train-the-Trainer workshops
This program is under the supervision of Mr. William Harris, Assistant Project Director, Homeland Security Special Volunteer Program, Morehouse School of Medicine (404) 752-1539

Curriculum: Strategic National Stockpile of Prescription Drugs; Table Top Exercise - Simulated Disaster Event (inside the classroom); HAZ MAT class (2+ hours in evening) (general awareness on hazardous material management methods); Home Evacuation and in-home sheltering; Pandemic Flu; Hurricane Katrina Red Cross Deployment Experience & Response; CPR and First Aid (Certification to perform CPR and First Aid); Graduation Ceremony

Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency:

Family Emergency Preparedness

Purpose:

Methods To Design and Implement Completed Emergency Plan for Family

Format:

Single Day Workshop (Saturday - 4 to 6 hours)

Training Location:

Adamsville Recreation Center

To enroll:

Contact William Smith, Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency (404) 730-5600 or E-mail: william.smith@fultoncountygga.gov.

Requirement for enrolling:

Request by Group of 10 to 50 Interested Citizens Curriculum: Designing Your Family Emergency Disaster Plan; Communicating with Your Family for Disaster Planning; Methods for Putting Shelter in Place; Family Evacuation Plan

Atlanta Fulton County Emergency Management Agency (AFCEMA) in cooperation with **City of Atlanta Fire**

Rescue:

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Purpose:

To train Community Residents in Disaster Preparedness, basic search and rescue operations, disaster fire suppression, basic disaster medical operations

Training Location:

To Be Determined (usually at local fire station)

To enroll:

Contact Captain Bernard Coxton, Atlanta Fire and Rescue 404.853.7060

Requirement for enrolling:

Physical capacity to perform basic search and rescue operations, disaster fire suppression, basic disaster medical opera-

tions

Curriculum: Function of CERT and the Team's Role in Immediate Response; Disaster Preparedness; Types of hazards most likely to affect homes and communities; Basic Search and Rescue Operations; Disaster Fire Suppression; Basic Disaster Medical Operations; Providing immediate assistance to victims; Organizing spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site; Giving Critical Support to First Responders from Fire, Police, Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services; Integrating into the Emergency Response Capability for your Local Area

If you have any other questions related to CERT, please contact William Smith, Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency at (404) 730-5600 or william.smith@fultoncountygga.gov.

Fulton County Board of Health:

Medical Reserve Corps Purpose:

To Train Retired Medical Professionals in Homeland Security Response Techniques

Training Location:

To Be Determined

To enroll:

Contact Denise Garrett - (404) 730-1211, Fulton County Health and Wellness Dept.

Requirement for enrolling:

Retired Medical Professional

Curriculum: This program is under the National Homeland Security Citizen Corps Initiative www.ready.gov

Councilman C.T. Martin encourages community organizations and our youth to utilize the "SUN model" as a way of revitalizing and getting involved in our community

The vitality of a neighborhood depends upon an informed and involved citizenry. Although all citizens are consumers of community planning and design, they are generally uninformed about the choices available to them or how to get more for their efforts.

So what can be done for better results?

Community planners say utilizing the SUN Model program is the answer.

The ethos of the SUN Model is a way of empowerment and activism, according to community planning professionals. The focus is on stimulating involvement in the community, developing political awareness and encouraging young adults to take a more active role in their respective neighborhoods.

What does the model include?

Citizen Participation: All segments and groups within the community should be represented throughout the process. Citizen participation should be solicited from all constituents in the targeted age group. Organizations, interest groups and the general citizenry should be represented.

Empathizing with Participants: The issues and concerns of each citizen should be noted. Seek out recommendations, ideas and a list of assets from each participant.

Understanding the Community: Complete a thorough inventory and assessment of the physical, social and economic aspects of the community. Maps, photos, demographics and other community data serve as a basis for decision making. It is important that the information include more than just the neighborhood - context is critical.

Developing User/Reader Friendly Documents: Ensure that all documents and reports can be easily understood by the average lay person -- Clarity is crucial.

Getting Started: A plan is not the final step

in the process, rather beginning of the journey. Don't allow a plan to be "shelved or to collect dust". Implementation is where the majority of plans must clearly designate individual or group leadership for each project.

Visualization and Visioning: Developing drawings and pictures is one of the best tools for depicting accurately what is intended or expected. Words alone can generate a different mental image for each person who reads them. On the other hand, pictures generate a platform which is rarely misunderstood and that can be discussed by individuals and the group.

Follow Through & Benchmarking: At a specified time following the completion of a planning project the plan must be revisited to determine whether or not the projects are on track. This follow through will also be an opportunity to check the progress and to compare benchmark dates.

What the SUN Model will accomplish?

- Generate strong citizen participation and motivation towards planning and community development projects;
- Enhance communication within the neighborhood and increase awareness;
- Bring community groups, leaders and citizens together to generate a common community vision and solve community challenges;
- Develop "doable" community development projects based on citizen input;
- Identify potential funding sources for neighborhood projects;
- Overall, give the community a starting point with specific action steps to successful community development and quality-of-life enhancement.

The SUN Model is a three phase process:

~ **The first phase** focuses on developing and working with a steering committee who will determine the primary focus of the group and handle the logistics for phase One and Two. It is suggested that

the steering committee work with the facilitator to identify a preliminary set of issues to be addressed during discussions.

~ **The second phase**, is generally a two-day intensive planning workshop involving the community in a needs assessment, interviews with the community groups, prioritization issues, development of recommendations, the identification of neighborhood development projects and implementation strategies.

~ **Phase three**, consists of the preparation of a final document outlining neighborhood strengths, challenges, recommendations, neighborhood development projects, action steps and potential funding sources. The third phase also includes preparing and delivering a formal presentation open to all members of the neighborhood and community at large. It is during this phase that the community group begins implementation.

A well organized SUN Model can be a tremendous benefit to the neighborhood and a lot of fun.

We all know that one of the community's greatest resources are its local citizens. An involved, empowered and focused group can be a true catalyst for turning a vision into reality. The SUN Model is one of the best tools to build a successful planning and community revitalization process. Whether to enhance a comprehensive plan, strategic plan, or development planning process, this model can be used to help visualize your community's ideas, reduce apathy among residents, rebuild neighborhoods or to energize specific groups for community involvement.



World Class System of Nature Preserves, Conservation Areas and Greenways Still Growing



District 10 is proud to have had the city invest in creating a signature system of green space - to protect our North Utoy Creek watershed from intrusive development and to preserve our water quality.

Through land and conservation easement acquisition per the Consent Decree process, over \$25 million dollars of parcels and easements have been acquired by the City of Atlanta in the past five years.

The Herman Green Nature Preserve and the Beecher Hills/Lionel Hampton Nature Preserve are jewels in a system of nature preserves across District 10. Much of the rest of the Consent Decree land consists of easements restricting development of land bordering streamway corridors in the rear yards of private property owners bordering the creeks.



Beecher Hills/Lionel Hampton Nature Preserve

Pride's Director of Park Visioning, Walt Ray has worked closely with the West Atlanta Watershed Alliance and the City's Department of Watershed to develop a Conceptual Master Plan for the 200+ acre tract of wilderness that comprises the Beecher Hills, Lionel Hampton, and Cativo land acquisitions. The planning partners for the Beecher Hills/Lionel Hampton Nature Preserve will be free to invest approximately \$300,000 in available funding for this property. The Master Plan is available for review on www.parkpride.org under "Park Visioning". The theme is that of preserving, protecting, and restoring nature on the property and preservation and restoration of the historic trenches.

Proposed site amenities:

Off of Cativo Drive cul-de-sac:

Neighborhood Node with playground, picnic area, Trailhead, parking (5-7 spaces) and 3 gateways marked with signage

At end of Willis Mill Road segment off of M. L. King, Jr. Dr.:

Regional Node with Gateway signage, Playground, Picnic Area, Outdoor classroom, Interpretive Area. In general vicinity, west of Transmission Lines right-of-way, overlooking Utoy Creek, are protected Civil War trenches, a Remote Picnic Area, and a Single Track Trail

At western end of Bolling Brook Drive, behind Beecher Hills Elementary School:

Beecher Hills School Elementary Node with Gateway signage on Bolling Brook, Outdoor Classroom, Tree House, and parking (5 - 7 spaces); Gateway signage also off of Fleetwood Circle, leading to trail crossing north over Utoy Creek; Gateway signage off of Westwood Ave. (which accesses Ralph David Abernathy off of South Gordon St. or starts off of Cascade across from Donnelly)

Contact Walt Ray, RLA, Director of Park Visioning at Park Pride at 404-817-7965 or at walt@parkpride.org to discuss any comments or concerns about the proposed Conceptual Master Plan.

Collier Heights Park - Friends of Collier Park Design Model Master Plan and Award Winning Life Trail System

In a landmark achievement, the Friends of Collier Park raised \$150,000 to purchase and installed the first Life Trail System in the State of Georgia. The Life Trail System is a fitness system for older active adults that combines a walking trail with ten instructional fitness stations. Park Pride's Fiscal Partners Program, served as the non-profit organization for fundraising, tracking and acknowledging donations for a new

Collier Park.

The program has received prominent local and national media coverage. The Friends of Collier Heights Park wants to be sure that residents have the knowledge and motivation needed to sustain the use of the equipment and combine the increased exercise with improved nutrition. To this end, they are working with Morehouse School of Medicine to create a year-long program centered on

the Life Trail. With adult women as the primary target audience, the program aims to have residents participate in classes that teach them to be better partners in their own health and health care.

The Friends of Collier Heights Park look forward to using the Life Trails as the foundation for improving the health and the quality of life of its neighbors through better nutrition and increased physical activity.



Westlake MARTA Station Plan Brings Dynamic Vision to District 10



Background: The City of Atlanta Bureau of Planning brings in LCI's (Livable Center Initiatives), funded through the Atlanta Regional Commission, when they want to jumpstart the revitalized vision for an area. The grants typically cover costs for supplying master planning services, rezoning policies, and federal funds to implement infrastructural improvements to provide incentives for future private investment in the area. District 10 is one of the few Council Districts in the city to have two LCI's funded for adjacent MARTA stations - in 2004, the Hamilton Holmes Station LCI, and now, in 2007 - the Westlake Marta Station LCI.

The study recognizes the important role of MLK Jr. Drive and RDA Boulevard in the regional and state roadway network. Its recommendations are intended to support the new and existing land use patterns preferred by the community, and to promote transit usage - while preserving local accessibility - for local residential and business areas.

The study recommendations:

- Focus mixed use development into nodes along major corridors and around the MARTA station as a means of accommodating growth pressures while protecting existing neighborhoods
- Establish walkable neighborhood centers that reflect current and desired land use patterns of the community.
- Improve the quality and usage of bus and rail transit service by neighborhoods
- Improve traffic operations through improvements and strategies alternative to road widenings
- Create connections between the Beltline corridor and station area (along Lucille St. and White St. near the Cascade Kroger) and bus routes, the Westlake MARTA station, and multi-use trails

Scope of Study: The scope and study area boundaries for the Westlake MARTA

Station LCI were expanded to include the eastern edge of Council District 10.

Included were:

- The office and retail complex of buildings around the old Bolton West blue glass building opposite the gates of Westview Cemetery on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive,
- EAST through the intersection of MLK Jr, Dr, at Ralph David Abernathy and Westlake Ave, and I-20, - to Chappell Road;
- SOUTH, down Ralph David Abernathy toward the Beltline station area to be located across from the Cascade Kroger shopping center next to the old school on Lucille street and across from the historic houses on South Gordon St.;
- NORTH, up past the Westlake MARTA Station site along Westlake Ave to Simpson Road.

City Considers Expanding Indecency Ordinance to Include Exposure of Undergarments

A legislative task force has been convened to deliberate an amendment that could make the public exposure of one's undergarments in public setting an act of indecency and subject to a fine.

Community meetings and public hearings for the general public will be held in the coming months.

The ordinance (Legislative Reference # 07-O-1800) is sponsored by Atlanta City Councilman C.T. Martin and co-signed by four of his colleagues.

"Many constituents among them educators, religious leaders and business leaders have expressed concern about the growing number of our youth wearing hanging or sagging pants that expose their undergarments in public," said Councilman Martin. "It has also become an issue for our schools, churches and other agencies that interact with our youth."

Under our current democratic system, Martin said, local communities and their governments are charged with determining and defining public indecency. It occurs when the people make a request to their elected officials and with the necessary legal due process, they deliberate to see if some regulation can be initiated or if current prohibitions should be eliminated.

Under a proposed ordinance drafted by me and signed by four of my colleagues, Atlanta would amend its three (3) existing indecency subparagraphs by adding a fourth clause which would make it unlawful for any person to perform the following act in a public place: (4) The indecent exposure of his or her undergarments.

"This proposed Amendment is NOT about profiling or creating an atmosphere that would result in jail time for our youth," Martin said. "It is about trying to

create a dialogue regarding this community concern."

Atlanta would join other cities in this debate including Dallas, Texas and more recently the city of Delchambre, Louisiana, which implemented a law banning the exposure of ones' underwear in a public setting.

"The purpose of this proposed legislation is to generate some conversation to see if we can find a solution," he said.



Livable Center Initiative Highlighted Features for District 10

- Bolton West complex: Conversion to an exciting Mixed Use Westview Activity Node with the city investing \$200,000 by 2008 in a 0.44 acre neighborhood park as the centerpiece, surrounded by 37,000 square feet of new office and retail space, 106 townhouse and apartment residential units, and parking facilities to accommodate 528 above ground parking spaces.
- Intersection of MLK, I-20 off ramps, Abernathy, and Westlake Ave, - Redesign of interchange by 2007 with Quality of Life bond funds, in collaboration with Georgia Department of Transportation
- Intersection of I-20 east ramp and MLK, Jr. Dr. - New traffic light.
- Westview Neighborhood along Ralph David Abernathy Dr., south of Westview

Cemetery - Re-zoning of 1920's Business District to Neighborhood Commercial by 2007 to protect historic fabric of area; New Zone 4 Police Precinct by 2009; In association with sphere of influence of proposed Beltline station on Lucille St. and extending south across RDA to White St. and Cascade Kroger Shopping Center - conversion of school on Lucille Ave to condos and of church on RDA and Stokes Ave. to Live-Work

- New MLK, Jr. Drive Tax Allocation District (TAD) including the Westlake MARTA station site, (to finance construction of parking deck for MARTA patrons). The TAD District would include sites for revitalization along the entire length of the corridor to Fairburn Road, including the Hamilton Holmes Marta station site, a new Activity node adjoining the Adamsville

Natatorium, and the Adamsville Collier Heights Business District at Fairburn Road. TAD to be authorized by City Council.

- MARTA to issue a Request for Proposals to redevelop Westlake MARTA station site
- By 2008, construct 330 space parking deck on MARTA site for MARTA patrons
- By 2011, construct 120 space private sector parking deck on MARTA site

Public Safety: Topic of Town Hall Meeting

Atlanta City Councilmembers C.T. Martin (District 10), Jim Maddox (District 11) and Ceasar C. Mitchell (Post 1 At-Large) hosted a public safety forum in May at the Quality Living Services Senior Center on Danforth Road.

The meeting was for residents living in Police Zone 4.

Panelists included Police Chief Richard Pennington, Fire Rescue Chief Harold Miller, Code Enforcement Director Tim Hardy and many others from the city of Atlanta and Fulton County.

The assembly focused on introducing City departments to the community in order to facilitate the sharing of information regarding significant public safety issues. Topics ranged from reducing violent crime to enhancing the community

oriented approach to providing law enforcement and fire safety. In summary, the message reinforced an on-going collaboration between community residents and public safety officials regarding overall public education, crime prevention, customer service, and quality of life issues.

"This meeting was an opportunity to bring city departments to the community in an effort to share information about important public safety issues," Councilman Martin said. "Residents are understandably concerned about crime. But it takes



a collaborative effort on the part of police and the community to tackle criminal activity in our city."



Councilman Unleashes Engine for Revitalization: New Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Tax Allocation District

In order to jumpstart private investment in revitalized development of a series of exciting Mixed Use nodes along the M.L.K. Jr. Drive corridor, Atlanta City Council authorized the formation of Tax Allocation District # 8 Hollowell/ M.L.King Jr. Drive on Monday, December 4, 2006, at the initiative of Councilman C. T. Martin. "My vision is to finally unleash our community's potential and create some genuine destination business districts along the corridor with exciting themes. For too long, our district has had its dreams for a higher and more dynamic quality of life deferred," Martin said.

Tax Allocation District # 8 is a joint district, linking two corridors through the Hamilton Holmes Drive artery - the Donald Hollowell Corridor and the Martin Luther King Jr. Drive corridor.

Redevelopment Plans have been designed to focus public and private investment into revitalized development in various Mixed Use Nodes along each corridor. On M.L.K. Jr. Drive, revitalization will focus at the following four locations:

M. L. King TAD Revitalization Areas

- Adamsville Natatorium Center(currently commercially zoned areas adjoining and across MLK Jr. Dr. south of the Center) the inside I-285) - a mixed use node with a recreational anchor, including 10,000 sq. ft. of retail, 100 townhomes, 200 multi-family units
- Adamsville Village Business District (entire district of commercially zoned property at intersection with Fairburn Road) - a mixed use node with a walkable village business district theme, including 50,000 sq. ft. of retail, 15,000 sq. ft. of office space.
- Hamilton E. Holmes MARTA Station - 10,000 square feet of retail, 400 multi-family units ,and MARTA Patron Parking

Deck as Phase I. Over 10 years, the proposed Mixed Use and Mixed Income Walkable Community is envisioned to contain 15,000 sq ft of Civic/Community Space, various Landscaped Plazas, 116,000 sq ft of retail space, 33,500 sq ft of new offices, 1,755 Multi-family Units, 253 new townhomes, and 189 new single family homes.

- Westlake MARTA Station - 10,000 sq. ft. of retail and 300 multifamily units - as Phase I of the proposed Transit Oriented Development (TOD) containing neighborhood serving shops, a community center,

and possibly near the Adamsville Natatorium site); Improvements to area's basic water, sewer, and transportation infrastructure; Land Assemblages and/or site preparation for private commercial and residential development; Assistance to Developers. The Hollowell/Martin Luther King Redevelopment and Tax Allocation District plan proposes financing mechanisms matching Tax Allocation District bonds with grants of federal funds from the Atlanta Regional Commission and other City and School Board sources to finance over \$13 million of these improvements.

What is a TAD?

A Tax Allocation District (TAD) is established for the purpose of publicly financing certain redevelopment activities in underdeveloped areas. Redevelopment costs are financed through the pledge of future incremental increase in property taxes generated by the resulting new development. Typically, upon creation, TADs have vacant commercial and residential properties, blighted conditions and numerous vacant buildings or are in need of significant environmental remediation.

Timetable: The Bureau of Planning will issue an RFP for redevelopment of the MARTA Westlake Station and in 2008, MARTA plans to finalize a TAD bond issue matching a grant from the ARC to begin construction of the MARTA patron parking deck at Hamilton Holmes MARTA station.

The timetable for the first phases of public improvements at each

node are currently being finalized through discussions with the Atlanta Development Authority, the agency charged with administering the redevelopment of the mixed use nodes. The Schedule for structuring financing, issuing bonds, and issuing RFP's for redevelopment and/or parking deck construction all are under negotiation. Mechanism: Tax Allocation District financing identifies the stream of forecasted increases in property taxes to be generated by new development and then structures approaches to utilize that property tax stream to finance the improvements listed above as incentives for private development - primarily through front end bond issues preceding the development.

New Public Improvements to Be Financed through the TAD: Each Revitalization Area is eligible to receive TAD financing for the following Public Improvements: New Parks and Open Spaces Streetscape Projects; Gateway Features; Intersection Improvements; Roadway Improvements; Sidewalks; Bicycle lanes; Trails/Pathway Projects; New Public Facilities (including MARTA parking decks at Westlake MARTA Station, Hamilton Holmes MARTA Station,

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Collier Heights Recreation Center	404-505-3136
Harriett G. Darnell Multi-purpose Facility	404-691-7373

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Arborist	404-330-6145
Code Enforcement (Report junk cars on private property, overgrown/littered vacant lots, vacant & dilapidated homes & commercial property)	404-330-6190

Zoning Code Enforcement (Report illegal mechanic shops)	404-330-6175
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Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs (Report illegal/nuisance activities in parks, hazardous trees endangering public property/streets)	404-817-6788
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Recycling	404-792-1212
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